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DECEMBER 22, 1986

TO: CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ATTN: DAVID GRIES

ACTION REQUESTED:
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 446609
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1986
TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN
FROM: THE HONORABLE STEVEN D. SYMMS
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT YOU ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
TO STUDY WHETHER WE SHOULD PROCURE MORE THAN
100 B-1B'S FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING AS
RECONNAISSANCE PLATFORMS.

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 04, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE STEVEN D. SYMMS

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND THE
CIA BE ASKED TO STUDY WHETHER OR NOT WE
SHOULD PROCURE MORE THAN 100 B-1BS TO SERVE
AS RECONNAISSANCE PLATFORMS

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE
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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS
MANAGEMENT.

December 17, 1986

Dear Senator Symms:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to acknowledge your letter of November 20 suggesting a study as to whether it is advisable to procure more than 100 B-1Bs for the purpose of serving as reconnaissance platforms.

Your inquiry is being afforded careful attention and you can expect to receive a substantive response in the near future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Steve Symms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to Joni Stevens - for
draft response in coordination with
CIA

cc: w/copy of inc to NSC Secretariat - FYI ✓

cc: w/copy of inc to David Gries, Cong
Affrs, CIA - for coordination with DOD

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

November 20, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

We request that you ask the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency to study whether or not we should procure more than 100 B-1Bs for the purpose of serving as reconnaissance platforms. Most of our older bomber types had reconnaissance variants. We can recall the RB-29, the RB-50, the RB-36, the RB-47, and even the RB-70.

The Department of Defense might also look into buying more B-1Bs for other special purposes, such as anti-ship missions, electronic warfare, and special operations.

We thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Steve Symms

*draft from CIA
& DOD*

thru NSC

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Chief of Staff US Air Force
Director CIA

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